HOUSE BILL 241 By DuBois

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 17, Part 1, relative to charitable gaming.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-17-103(a)(1), is amended by deleting the following language:

Annual event applications shall not be considered submitted to the secretary until in the physical possession of the secretary as evidenced by the secretary's date and time endorsement on such documentation.

and by substituting instead the following language:

Annual event applications shall be filed with the secretary by the appropriate date. An application shall be deemed filed on the date it is received by the secretary or, if mailed, on the postmark date.

SECTION 2. For annual event applications postmarked on or before November 1, 2004, for the annual event period beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006, the secretary shall accept, as timely filed, any application returned by the secretary to the organization as untimely prior to the effective date of this act. Any such organization may resubmit the original application material to the secretary by February 3, 2005. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the secretary shall examine any such applications in a manner consistent with other applications submitted for the 2005 - 2006 annual event period and shall include any qualified applications on the omnibus list of qualifying applicants.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.